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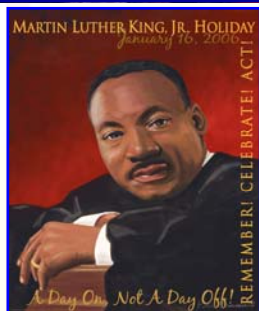
ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BATTALION

Special Holiday Edition

Best Wishes to the Krahling Family. The AFSBn-AF family is praying for a full recovery of their son Nathan.



What type of holiday would it be without Santa Clause? Even in Afghanistan Santa stops by for a visit. Never to old to believe are: Bottom Row: Billy Legans AECOM mechanic lead, Lt. Col. Dix , AFSBn-AF commander and Hayward McClendon, AECOM project manager pose with Santa and his crew. Official Military Photo.



Members of the AFSBn-AF staff hold a banner thanking The Little Zion Gospel Choir of Atlanta GA. Standing R-L: LTC Richard Dix , Bn Commander , SFC Robert Tillison, Bn S-4, Mr. Bob Emmert, Bn S-2/3, Sitting L-R: MSG David Andrews, Admin Assistant, Mr. Jack Thompson, EOC Lead



Cahill and Crew

As we all spend this holiday season away from our family and friends, we ask that you say a prayer and keep in your thoughts, for all of our military service members, civilians and contractors serving here.

As this year ends and a new one begins, we wish you the best of health, wealth and happiness.

God Bless

From the Chief, SSTRs and LARS of LSE Bagram.



Sitting L-R: Dale "I'm otta here" Petesch Richard "Dwayne," Jones Doug Drake Owen, "Sonny" Quell, Chuck "TAZ" Cahill, Bob "Master" Coffey, Ernie Bailey, Bill "Radar" Parker

Standing L-R: Mark "Hook em Horns" Fudge, Dennis Mullen, Jerel Jerden, Joe "Ya-Ya" Brown, Herb "Skeeter" Douberly, Ray Green, Darrin Lampman, Bernie Porter, Cathy Hardman, Tim Landry, Randall Sprayberry, Phil Johnson. Official military photo.

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The Joint Robotic Repair Facility

The Joint Robotic Repair Facility, Bagram Afghanistan, had a tremendous year during 2006. EOD robotic systems in theatre have increased over 131%, incorporated the new systems into the inventory, fielded the REF purchased new systems, increased systems accountability and operational readiness rate. Future highlights include construction of the new JRRF opera-

tions building and housing units on the AMC compound. The JRRF Afghanistan would like to thank everyone at Bagram AF, Redstone Arsenal and back at home for their assistance and support, and we wish everyone a

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A SAFE
NEW YEAR**



Robotics Crew with all their "toys" that save lives. Top row: Rob Canfield, SSG Diaz, SSG Taylor Middle Row: MSG Salinas, Danny Strickland Bottom row: CPT Hunt.



North DFAC for Christmas dinner with the Rapid Equipment Fielding (REF). Official Military Photo.

Back row: Mr. Strickland, Robert Canfield, LTC Aubel (REF), CPT Hunt

Front row: SFC Gatling (REF), MSG Salinas



SSG Diaz received the employee of the month award, he was instrumental in the fielding of new system in IRAQ. He provide valuable training to personnel at JRRF-I. Official US Military Photo.



MSG Salinas takes time out for Santa at the North Dinning Facility Christmas Day. Official US Photo

A Holiday Wish

*By Mr. Robert M. Gottfreid
CDR, AMC-LSE (FWD) KAF*

As the Army Material Command Logistics Support Element Forward Commander in Kandahar, it is my distinct honor to be serving with your family member. The mission here is very challenging and up-tempo. I could not hope for better folks to live and work with each and every day. Their dedication to providing the soldier with the best equipment and protection is truly amazing. If the soldier drives it, flies it, fires it, eats it, or sleeps in it; we provide it, sustain it and fix it. As you can tell, I am extremely proud of our team here in Kandahar and how they assist our soldiers.

After spending the holiday season in Iraq last year, I fully understand that the holidays can be a difficult time, both on the battlefield and at home.



Back row L to R: James Preston (Mantech), Shane Smith (DRS TSI), Rick Wright (QASAS), Rick Krimmer (AMCOM), Jason Bulla (AECOM).

Front row L to R: Gretta White (ACS), James Johnson (TACOM), Sandy Kristainsen (RDECOM), Ryan Girardot (TACOM), Peggy Hays (Letterkeeny Army Depot), Bob Gottfreid (ASC), Norm Gipson (DRS TSI), Steve Orona (AMCOM).

Having a photo or memento that brings back a humorous or joyful occasion that automatically makes you smile or laugh can brighten any gloomy day. It also re-assures you that better times are ahead to be spent with the family and friends that share all the love and laughter that life have to offer. I know that the love and support I receive from my family that they are critical to my success over here. I see and hear the same sediments from everyone stationed here.

It is my dearest wish to our families and friends that keep the home fires burning to have a wonderful Holiday Season and to keep the "Somebody-Loves-Me Boxes" rolling in.



Gift Giving Starts before the Holiday

by MSG David Andrews,
Bn Administrative Assistant

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) recently ended its fundraising period, which ran for several weeks, ending 2 December 2006. The mission of the CFC is to support and to promote philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

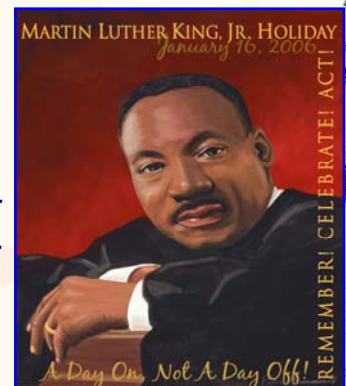
The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fund-raising model in the world. Participation in the program is strictly voluntary. There are literally hundreds of charities that donors can choose to give to. Contributions options include cash, check, payroll deduction, and on-line credit card. Payroll deductions begin 1 January 2007 and continue throughout the year. One can give to one or several different charities.

The Army Material Command has several "branches" and one partner that combined to give to this year's campaign. There were several individuals who were a great help to me in providing their people with the opportunity to give. They are Ms. Sharon Fuller (AECOM), MAJ Rudy Grimes (ATEC), CPT Steven Sherrill (AVCRAD), MAJ Delbria Scott (LOGCAP), MSG Marie Salinas (Robotics), and Mr. Chuck Cahill (AMC-LSE). Through our combined efforts, I am happy to report that we raised a total of \$5,495 in CFC gifts. I want to thank all of those who helped and those who gave to this worthwhile organization's charities. Complete information on the Combined Federal Campaign is available online at www.cfccoverseas.org. Thank you.



MSG Andrews reviews Combined Federal Campaign slips and totals up collections between the command support to a grand total of \$5,495.00. Official U.S. Photo by Mr. Mike Moyer.

THE CJTF-76 EO TEAM WILL BE HOSTING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE ON 12 JANUARY 2007, AT THE MWR CLAMSHELL FROM 0700Z- UTC. PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE EO ADVISORS FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION AT 231-4035/1541/7933/4436. AS ALWAYS, THE CJTF-76 COMMANDER AND COMMAND TEAM, APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE PROVIDED IN SUPPORTING THE EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT ON HERE AT BAGRAM. THE CJTF-76 EO TEAM CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE ENJOYED ALL THE EVENTS, AS WELL AS ALL THE HARD WORK BY OUR WARRIORS IN PUTTING ON A GOOD SHOW FOR YOU ALL. PLEASE CONTINUE TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THESE IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, AND TO LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT A CULTURE YOU REALLY DID NOT KNOW. AS ALWAYS, WE THANK YOU!



Salerno - Out of sight but not out of mind



Out of sight, but not out of mind, LTC. Dix ensures his team in Salerno is recognized for their great work with a commander's coin. Kneeling from left to right: Sayed Wasim Ahmad, Gangadhar Sahoo, Raul Flores. Standing from left to right: Suryamani Rout, Major Frank Dunaway, Ilyas Mullanji, Premananda Das, Brandon Moore, Sushanta Das, Kailash Chandra Swain. Official military photo.

Out of sight but not out of mind as the workers in Salerno show their commander's coins for a job well done. The Salerno Central Receiving and Shipping Point (CRSP) Yard crew displays their recently earned coins. The members of the Salerno team were awarded the coins by LTC Dix in appreciation for their efforts in retrograding Army equipment at the forward operating base.

Maj. Frank Dunaway, Salerno's Retrograde OIC, presented commander's coins to the Indian workers, on the commander's behalf; many of them had never received a commander's coins, and were quite appreciative of the gesture. It just goes to show, commander's coins are not just for American Soldiers to appreciate any longer. All members had

photos taken individually with the Retrograde OIC and their coins to send back home.

The commander's coin, a military tradition, typical commander's coins, which are about the size of half dollar coins, are often custom minted and emblazoned with the unit insignia and the commander's motto. Presenting an individual with commander's coin is a powerful and versatile tool which instills unit pride, enhance esprit de corps, and rewards outstanding performance at a moment's notice.

Learning Command

by Robert Gottfried

AMC-LSE Forward at Kandahar

Assuming command of the Army Materiel Command-Logistics Support Element (AMC-LSE) Forward at Kandahar airfield, October 8, 2006, I understood that this would be the most challenging assignment of my career. In observing the styles of my commanders, past and present, I noted several strategies for operating a successful AMC-LSE.


A commander is required to be fully engaged with a myriad of customers and suppliers that touch every facet of LSE. Being engaged and communicating with your customers, Logistics Assistance Representatives (LAR), contractors, suppliers and higher headquarters is the foundation for situ-

ational awareness and sound decision making. A leader must provide positive feedback coupled with an honest answer. The mission focus must be clearly defined and well established.

Providing all the team resources to accomplish the mission is crucial. The charge of any manager is arming the professionals with the right tools. The empowerment of the staff and even customers allows a greater degree of understanding, pride and vesting in the organization and mission. To round out a good chief, one must possess extreme fairness, inexhaustible energy, and high ethical standards.



Robert Gottfried Assuming command of the Army Materiel Command-Logistics Support Element (AMC-LSE) Forward at Kandahar

To my benefit, I have an outstanding group of team players and the exceptional support of LTC Richard B. Dix and his Battalion. With my first 50 days under my belt,  learning the job of a commander is a never ending endeavor. Each and everyday is full of surprising challenges. The strategies I observed before are standing the test of time. The most important lesson to grasp is that I support the team that supports the soldier that wins the war.

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Left to Right Rear: James Johnson, Rick Wright, Norm Gipson, Shane Smith, Jason Bulla, Ryan Girardot.

Left to Right Front: Gretta White, Rick Krimmer, Peggy Hays, Bob Gottfried.

Route Clearance leads the way to safety for Soldiers

by Marvin Benoit
Team Lead for ManTech



Front Row: Felipe Capili, Kamala Sargent, Ed Benoit, Derrick Green.
Back Row: AJ Jorgenson, Chris Cessna, Don Guess, Cary Cook, Dean Dever, Kris Horn. Photo by

In Afghanistan a team of repairman exists. This team of experts are directed by Theater Task Leader Chris Cessna, this team is the Route Clearance Equipment Repair team here in Bagram their daily mission is to fix the equipment that has become the life support of the IED Route Clearance mission here in Afghanistan. Under the command of Lt. Col. Richard B. Dix, this team finds that when most vehicles encounter a blast it is damaged beyond repair, the lives inside are threatened and in some cases lost, but thanks to the stability of the Route Clearance equipment we have never lost a life while performing our

mission in one of these vehicles, which includes the RCPs for the CJOA.

The backbone for the repairs of this vital equipment. By virtually transforming a damaged mess from an IED blast into an FMC vehicle to get it back into the fight, critical to the success of the Military mission in Afghanistan. Reaching deep into their personnel pool of experts. The route clearance team has managed to put together a team that reaches the four corners of Afghanistan. Repairing such vehicles takes skill, imagination, and determination.

It is the talent of these men that allows them to accomplish their mission to such a high degree of professionalism and knowledge giving the war-fighters the protection they need to fight in the mountains of Afghanistan. These guys go the limit and beyond to expedite the necessary repairs and get these vehicles FMC and back to the troops. This small team of experts is one reason why we win daily. As Site Manager I would say, we are SECOND TO NONE.

Selections From:

THE MESSIAH

An Oratorio

Rehearsals:

All interested singers are invited to come to Enduring Faith Chapel for rehearsals at the following times:

Wednesdays at 1930L/1500Z
Sundays at 1300L/0830Z

For more information please call

GH Ebb at 231-3045

Health Corner



Family members can use the Red Cross emergency communication system to notify service members of an emergency or other important event. Red Cross messages are delivered 24x7x365 to military personnel at any duty station. American Red Cross communication services keep military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of a family member or other important events, such as the birth of a child. The Red Cross sends messages quickly, anywhere in the world, including ships at sea, embassies and to isolated military units. The information or verification in a message assists the service member's commanding officer in making a decision regarding emergency leave.

To contact the Red Cross: Active duty service members stationed in the United States and their immediate family members can call the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Centers for help seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The toll-free telephone number is available through base or installation operators and from local on-base Red Cross offices. **To find your local Red Cross office, please use the zip code locator below.**

- Other family members who do not reside in the service members' household, members of the National Guard and Reserves, retirees and civilians may access Red Cross services through their local Red Cross chapter. Red Cross chapters are listed in local telephone books and on the American Red Cross Web site at <http://www.redcross.org/where/where.html>.

- Overseas personnel stationed on military installations should call base or installation operators or the on-base Red Cross offices.

- At overseas deployment sites, contact the American Red Cross deployed staff.

When calling the Red Cross to send an emergency message to a family member, please have ready the following information which will speed the process of sending your message:

- Service Member's Full Name Rank/Rating Branch of Service Social Security Number
- Military Address -Information about the deployed unit and the home base unit (for deployed service members only)

R&R LEAVE AND PASSES

All military and Department of the Army Civilian personnel are authorized one R & R 15 day Leave and one R & R 4 day Pass. There are requirements to be eligible for R&R Leave and Pass such as length of tour and time in country. Those who qualify and wish to take advantage of this benefit submit the appropriate forms, DA 31 for military, and SF71 for all civilians, with all required information (Dates, Leave location, etc...) 60 days prior to date of requested leave. The S1 section for further processing. The S-1 office will also ensure you are manifested for R&R. R&R are managed by a different office and not announced in the same manner as regular flights departing daily. The S-1 must project and scheduled, flights to ensure you have a seat when you want to take your R&R. Prior to all R&R Leave and Passes, each individual is required to attend certain classes hosted by the Task Force this information will also be provided by the S-1.

Contact your S-1 office for more information or questions you may have pertaining to Leave and Passes. E-mail the S-1 @ AFSBn-AF-S1@mmcs.army.mil or DSN 312-987-5110, option 1, extension 6034.

Around BAF



A service brought to you courtesy of the 580th Signal Company

The R&R/Redeployments/DCS briefing is held every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday at the Enduring Faith Chapel, 0330Z (0800L) hours. **IT IS IMPERATIVE TO BRING YOUR CJTF 76 FORM 137-12 (DCS CHECKLIST).** Contact the S-1 officer Bldg 405 or BAF POC is Capt Stock at 312-231-3017, melanie.j.stock@cjtf76.centcom.mil.

DISNEY PASS

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will vehicles travel on DISNEY during morning PT without a DISNEY PASS. Please see BASE OPS CSM Ketchem 318-231-4203 or

WILLIAM.KETCHEM@BAF.AFGN.ARMY.MIL for a DISNEY pass.

SPEED LIMITS Reminder!

Speed limit while passing troops/runners on Perimeter road or Disney is 10KPH.

Beginning 1 Jan 07, violators will be cited by Military Police.

There will be zero tolerance for this violation.

Please slow down to 10KPH while passing runners/marchers on roads.

EDUCATION

*****GI BILL EDUCATION

INCREASE

Soldiers can increase their Montgomery GI Bill Education amount by \$5400 with a \$600 contribution of their own money.

Enrollment Form is available at the Education Center. POC: Mr. Lovello, DSN: 231-3106, email: lovellop@kaf.afgn.army.mil

Base Ops Billeting has moved they are now located at the old MP Station across from the USO they can be reached at 231-4458 or 231-2346.

Task Force MED Preventive Medicine

reminds all personnel assigned/working in the CJOA to take their anti-Malarial medications their entire stay in Afghanistan. The Bagram Air Field and the surrounding area have experienced several cases of Malaria in the past weeks. All patients reporting to the TF MED Hospital for care were not taking their prescribed anti-Malaria medications. Remember to follow the DoD Arthropod Repellent Program by properly wearing uniforms treated with permethrin, using products containing DEET on exposed skin and taking your anti-malarial drugs as prescribed. High risk periods for mosquitoes that transmit malaria are from Dusk to Dawn. Don't become a victim of your own doing!

Facility Engineer Team & Dept of Public Works

The FET and DPW changed the Bagram work request form. The new form can be picked up at Service Operations (Building # 610 DPW office) This form can also be found in the shared drive on Bagram. All customer service functions are at the KBR DPW office only (Building #610 /DPW office). Customers can also pick up Class IV Request from DPW (Bldg #610 / DPW office). Customers will no longer need to go by the FET Bldg # 175. The only work request form accepted at building # 610 will have AFET Form 1B at the bottom left along with Updated 7 April 06. Please call KBR DPW office 231-2629 if you have any questions.

How to Start a Diesel Engine

Normal starting procedure (engine cold)

1. Turn the key to "ON" and verify that the engine preheating indicator light has come on. Keep the key in the "ON" position until the light goes off.
2. With the accelerator pedal about half-way down, crank the engine by turning the key to "START". Release the key and accelerator pedal when the engine starts.
3. After the engine runs for about 10 seconds, you are ready to drive. If the weather is below freezing, let the engine warm up for a few minutes before driving.



If the weather is extremely cold

1. Perform the above with the **accelerator fully down**.
2. After the engine warms up for a few minutes, you are ready to drive.

Commander's Corner

HOLIDAY MESSAGE TO Army Field Support Battalion Afghanistan MEMBERS

Well the leaves have turned and the heat of summer has given way to the cool air of autumn and our first snowfall is just around the corner! That means that we are approaching the holiday season! We are separated from our loved ones during this holiday season but the work we are doing here is vital to the survival of this nation and our security at home! I am proud of the hard work and dedication each of you has shown over the past year!



Our work has meant survival for the forces fighting for freedom in Afghanistan and they are grateful for all Army Material Command Personnel! During this holiday season, we will take a little time to reflect on the many Blessings we have received and good health of our families here and at home!

I referenced your families here because the members of this great command are just that, extended family members away from home and we must continue to take care of each other and celebrate the holidays together here! Remember to watch out for each other and enjoy good food and the camaraderie at your various locations! Eat as much as you would like!



I am proud and truly blessed to lead a great organization of military and civilians! Remember to watch your buddies so we don't become a victim to the harsh Winter Environment! Stay safe and enjoy the holidays as much as we can! With all the wonderful donations from various sponsors we were able to provide members of the AFSBn-Afghanistan family with Christmas goodie bags. Be on the look out for the Holiday Messages to Home through the Public Affairs Officer, Nikki St. Amant from Army Support Command Rock

Island. Hooah!!

I would like to personally thank the sponsors who made this holiday season pleasant by providing Holiday Joy with gifts of food, gourmet coffees, personal hygiene supplies, and the holiday decorations that tied the festivities of the holidays together. Through the gifts sent by our supporters we are twice blessed, knowing our mission here is making life better for the Soldiers on the war front, and knowing there are those who support our efforts to the warfighters in Afghanistan.

The Paradise Shops—Atlanta GA
The Hershey Company in Pennsylvania
VGS Family-Kaiserslautern, Germany
Starbucks Store Number 49- Arlington, Texas
Circuit City-Northern CA
Suwanee Post Office-Suwanee GA
Little Zion Baptist Church-Atlanta GA
Fenn Inc. Roswell, NM
City of Orion, IL
General Support Center-Europe Carpentry Shop

